

Closure of unviable PSUs

1761. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close down unviable public sector undertakings in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the accumulated loss suffered by each of the public sector undertakings proposed to be closed down; and

(c) what are the reasons for failure of the measures taken by Government for the revival of these PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) There are several PSUs which are sick and no capable of being revived. The only remaining option is to close down these undertakings after providing an acceptable safety net for the employees and workers. However, actual closure if required is resorted to on a case to case basis after obtaining the specific approval of the appropriate authority.

Enterprise specific measures are to be taken by the Administrative Ministry concerned. However for sick industrial PSUs, revival/rehabilitation/closure rests with BIFR under the provisions of Sick Industrial Co. Act. (SICA). For remaining PSUs, Administrative Ministries in consultation with management and workers of enterprises concerned explore various options and devise appropriate measures. Details of net profit/loss of Loss Making Enterprises as available in Public Enterprises Survey (1998-99) issued by Department of Public Enterprises are given in the statement (See below) There are various constraints of *revival of chronically* sick enterprises. These include overemployment, obsolete technology, lack of adequate resources for modernisation, upgradation of technology and capacity expansion etc.

Statement**NET PROFIT/LOSS OF LOSS MAKING ENTERPRISES***(Rupees in Lakhs)*

S.No.	Name of the Company	1998-99	1997-98	1996-97
STEEL				
1	Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	-35724	-39515	-21303
2	Maharashtra elcntrosmelt Ltd.	-1107	45	-160
3	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.	-45718	-17673	-24594

S.No.	Name of the Company	1998-99	1997-98	1996-97
4	Sponge Iron India Ltd.	-964	-336	-130
5	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	-157366	13299	51517
MINERALS AND METALS				
6	Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.	-6565	-3998	-5408
7	Bharat Refractories Ltd.	-4168	-2075	4117
8	Hindustan Copper Ltd.	-5120	-16972	-13062
COAL AND LIGNITE				
9	Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	-44234	-14091	-32281
10	Central Coalfields Ltd.	-14935	-8567	-1552
11	Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	-47247	-54189	-34115
FERTILIZERS				
12	Fertilizer Corpn. of India Ltd.	-83051	-72493	-53802
13	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.	-4826	5394	6178
14	Hindustan Fertilizer Corpn. Ltd.	-51458	-64783	-53264
15	Madras Fertilizers Ltd.	-2761	-5535	1210
16	Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.	-5795	-10553	-6063
17	Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.	-8749	5341	-828
CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS				
18	Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	-65	-337	1575
19	Bengal Immunity Ltd.	-660	-946	-992
20	Bharat Immunological & Biologicals Corp. Ltd.	-1211	-1554	-1604
21	Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.	-1158	-2890	-3225
22	Hindustan Fluorocarbons Limited	-319	-1228	17
23	Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.	-558	-197	590
24	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	-2307	-84	1564
25	Hindustan Salts Ltd.	-216	-211	-24
26	Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	-18701	-16712	-15327

S.No.	Name of the Company	1998-99	1997-98	1996-97
27	Maharashtra Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	-298	-220	-384
28	Manipur State Drugs & Pharmaceutical Ltd.	-123	-423	-123
29	Orissa Drugs & Chemicals Ltd.	-79	-75	-107
30	Projects & Development India Ltd.	-1585	609	3182
31	Sambhar Salts Ltd.	-18	-94	17
32	Smith Stanistreet & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	-608	-495	-493
33	Southern Pesticides Corporation Ltd.	-536	-538	7
34	U.P. Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	-422	-340	-321
HEAVY ENGINEERING				
35	Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd.	-2929	-2357	-2047
36	Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd.	-5063	-7197	-8300
37	Lagan Jute Machinery Co. Ltd.	-74	-104	-8
38	Mining & Allied Machinery Corpn. Ltd.	-17698	-14646	-11479
39	Triveni Structurals Ltd.	-2473	-808	-292
40	Weighbird (India) Ltd.	-501	-454	-408
MEDIUM AND LIGHT ENGINEERING				
41	Bharat Brakes & Values Ltd.	-328	9	2165
42	Central Electronics Ltd.	-596	46	80
43	Electronics Corpn. of India Ltd.	-5912	-1077	76
44	Hindustan Cables Ltd.	-13873	-17394	14613
45	HMT Ltd.	-3677	-2914	-1878
46	National Instruments Ltd.	-2902	-2866	-2290
47	Praga Tools Ltd.	-2884	-3689	-7851
48	Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd.	-2805	34	-239
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT				
49	Central Inland Water Transport Corpn.	-6590	-5251	-4790
50	Cycle Corporation of India Ltd.	-5641	-3729	-3934

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51	Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.	-2967	-6219	-15080
52	Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.	-2315	-2536	-1939
53	National Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd.	-1975	-1705	-1546
CONSUMER GOODS				
54	Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd.	-2458	-2400	-1841
55	Birds, Jute & Exports Ltd.	-396	-372	-328
56	Brushware Ltd.	-4	-5	-3
57	Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.	-18494	150	-15941
58	Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Corpn. Ltd.	-30982	-17629	-9561
59	Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corpn. Ltd.	-650	-2821	-172
60	Mandya National Paper Mills Ltd.	-1814	-3196	-2948
61	Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd.	-687	485	930
62	Nagaland Pulp & Paper Company Ltd.	-1298	-759	-2067
63	National Jute Manufacturers Corporation Ltd.	-11367	-8426	-10511
64	Nepa Ltd.	-321	-2016	-5657
65	Rehabilitation Industries Corpn. Ltd.	-12588	-8113	-7125
66	Tannery & Footware Corpn. of India Ltd.	-2944	-2944	-2739
67	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.	-6177	-5137	-5093
AGRO-BASED INDUSTRIES				
68	Andaman & Nicobar Isl. forest & plant Dev. Corp. Ltd.	-56	68	298
69	North Eastern Regional Agri. marketing Corp. Ltd.	-60	-185	-168
70	State Farms Corporation of India Ltd.	-1173	-835	-298
TEXTILES				
71	British India Corporation Ltd.	-4919	-3441	-3253
72	Cawnpore Textiles Ltd.	-1698	-1491	-1133
73	Elgin Mills Company Ltd.	-6481	-5864	-5973

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74	National Textile Corpn. Ltd.	-5143	-3571	-10742
75	NTC (A. Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe) Ltd.	-7983	-6617	-5321
76	NTC (Delhi, Punjab & Rajasthan) Ltd.	-4830	-3210	-4151
77	NTC (Gujarat) Ltd.	-9987	-8480	-6752
78	NTC (Madhya Pradesh) Ltd.	-8633	-7676	-6503
79	NTC (Maharashtra North) Ltd.	-17513	-15360	-7755
80	NTC (South Maharashtra) Ltd.	-16349	-12835	-6259
81	NTC (Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry) Ltd.	-3195	-2756	-1649
82	NTC (Uttar Pradesh) Ltd.	-13422	-10013	-6881
83	NTC (West Bengal, Assam, Bihar & Orissa) Ltd.	-8986	-9052	-6272
TRADING AND MARKETING SERVICES				
84	Bharat Leather Corpn. Ltd.	-364	-265	-243
85	Electronics Trade & Technology Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	-1693	-1830	-1623
86	Jute Corpn. of India Ltd.	-281	-16	-3256
87	North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Dev. Corp. Ltd.	-140	-139	-62
88	Tea Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.	-569	-569	-569
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES				
89	Air India Ltd.	-17448	-18101	-29694
CONTRACT AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES				
90	Hindustan Prefab Ltd.	-554	-307	-461
91	Hindustan Steel Works Costn. Ltd.	-28158	-22455	-13257
92	Indian Road Constn. Corpn. Ltd.	-1506	-5792	-4732
93	Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd.	-34031	-15365	-2076
94	Mineral Exploration Corpn. Ltd.	-649	-286	-417
95	National Projects Construction Corpn. Ltd.	-4809	-5091	-3941

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INDUSTRIAL DEV. AND TECH. CONSULTANCY SERVICES				
96	Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.	-3419	-3574	4875
97	Metallurgical & Engg. Consultants (India) Ltd.	-1117	167	848
98	National Industrial Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	-588	-594	-58
TOURIST SERVICES				
99	Assam Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	-25	-42	-19
100	Donyl Polo Ashok Hotel Ltd.	-15	-7	4
101	Madhya Pradesh Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	-36	-17	4
102	Pondicherry Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	-12	3	8
103	Ranchi Ashok Bihar Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	-20	-23	-29
104	Utkal Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.	-69	-48	-79
FINANCIAL SERVICES				
105	National Film Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	-1037	472	105
SECTION 25 COMPANIES				
106	Artificial Limbs Mfg. Corpn. of India	-429	-666	-457
GRAND TOTAL		-927424	-614731	-474315

Appointment of Executive Directors of Banks

1762. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a panel of fifteen names of General Managers of Nationalised Banks was recommended by Sub-Committee of Appointments Board for appointment as Executive Directors in such banks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of the above panel Government have approved only seven names and proposed to scrap the remaining eight names which is unprecedented;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, by when all fifteen candidates are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.